

Policy 1.2.3 Bicycle Facilities on City Streets

POLICY PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide adequate width of pavement that complies with CalTrans standards on City arterials for bicyclists. It is the City's intent to provide for safe, accessible bicycle facilities systems on arterial streets, over a period of time. It is designed with the intent of including the construction of bicycle facilities as streets are widened to increase traffic capacity.

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the City to provide adequate bicycle facilities on arterial streets through the combined efforts of the City in street widening projects and private developments which have been required to participate in off-site improvements.

The City will approach tentative street widening projects with a bias for including adequate street pavement for bicyclists in accordance with CalTrans standards. In making a final determination, the City will review the project in terms of safety, continuity, need and cost. Other factors may be considered depending on project specifics.

If most or all factors are positive, the City will include recommended widening for bicyclists in City street widening projects and in widening requirements for certain select private development projects.

If, after reviewing the project, the City staff determines that providing bicycle facilities as part of a widening project is not appropriate, the matter will be placed on a City Council meeting agenda for review and a final determination.

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Lead Department: Department of Public Works